National Commission on Population

1653. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission of Population held a special discussion with NGOs and self help groups to strengthen its strategy to check population growth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in some State the fertility rates are higher and various organizations have failed to check such rising trend; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other strategy to be formulated to check population growth within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Population has organized a Conference of NGOs etc. on 27.12.2002 in New Delhi to have an interaction with such organization for their possible involvement in population stabilization activities. A large number of organizations attended the Conference and submitted projects for undertaking activities relevant for population stabilization. These are being examined with a view to give assistance to those projects, which are duly approved.

(c) and (d) There is considerable variations in the fertility levels prevailing in various States. In view of this, formulation and implementation of State specific strategies is necessary to check population growth. The details of the demographic diversity prevailing in the country along with an analysis of the State-wise fertility levels and the measures adopted by some State towards population stabilization are included in the publication "Conference of State Population Commissions/Councils-Proceedings and an overview of the demographic scenario in India" brought out by the National Commission on Population recently.